



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

to grow in Christ together  
to equip for service  
to care for all

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YEARS

## BULLETIN

### ADVENT FOUR

and

### CHRISTMAS 2018



**Welcome** to our worship and fellowship today! You are warmly invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from the cup or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request.

**Reflection after Communion** – feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the back of the Church following Communion.



#### Sunday 23 December 2018

8.00 am

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev'd Katherine Rainger

10.00 am

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#### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Monday 24 December:

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30 pm

Children's Service

11.00 pm

Candles, Carols and Communion

Tuesday 25 December:

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am

Traditional Service

10.00 am

Family Service



ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY IN RECESS		RETURNING
<b>Sunday</b>	Children's Church & Youth Group Rainbow Fellowship	10 February (10am) 3 February (3pm)
<b>Monday</b>	Covenant Care Crafty Crew	11 February (10 am) 18 February (9.30am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Meditation	24 January (12.30 pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tai Chi Service and lunch Ever Active Class	6 February(9.30 am) 6 February (12 noon) 23 January (2 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Scrabble	3 January (9.30 am)
<b>Friday</b>	Play Group	8 February (10 am)

**Have a  
Blessed  
Christmas  
Season**  
*From the Staff*

***From Sunday 30 December to  
Sunday 27 January***

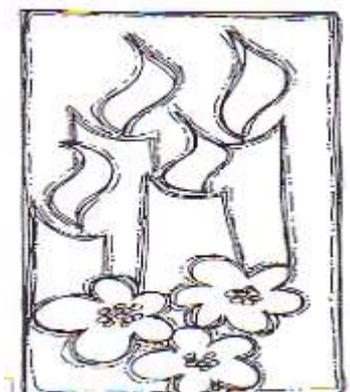
***One Service only: 9.00 am Holy  
Communion***

***Sunday February 3:  
8 am and 10 am Holy Communion***



### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the candle of LOVE  
we remember the stories  
of your faithfulness and steadfast love  
which surrounds us  
and will not be contained.  
We trust that you  
are with us always.  
As love that bursts forth from all your people,



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**LUKE 1:39-55**

### **THE MAGNIFICAT.....THE SONG OF MARY.**

THE Magnificat or Song of Mary is written as a canticle which means 'little song' and is very much a part of the rich heritage of our faith. The opening words send strong messages to my heart and stirs my spirit. How does it resinate with you? Try it. Say the opening verse to yourself '*my soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour*' and sit a moment in the emotion.

The season of Advent is drawing to a close and Christmas is just a few days away. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with God and our purpose in our Christian life. The Christian monk, Bernard of Clairvaux, placed over the doorway of his room the inscription: 'Bernard, why are you here? This question confronted him every time he entered his room, reminding him to face anew the great purpose of his life. The same question is important to each of us. Why are we here? To serve ourselves, or like Mary, are we here to take our unique place in God's plan?

Pause a moment in quiet and reflect this question in your mind and renew your commitment to Christ 'To love and serve him all the days of our life'



At the church of the visitation Israel where Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth the Magnificats.

**Archdeacon Anne**



## IN THE PARISH

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Our administrator extraordinaire, **Libby Warren**, is planning to step down in February 2019. Libby's capacity to manage a whirlwind with humour all the while providing pastoral care to anyone who stops by the office is greatly valued. Her ability to produce booklets with little notice, decorate sanctuaries and support our belonging and caring group will be greatly missed. Libby plans to read more books over coffee.

Of course, as one door closes, a new opportunity opens. If you have a gift for keeping things moving, solving problems and helping people, why not become the **new administrator**? (12 hours per week).

The tireless **Phyl Holmes** has also decided to step down as Weekly Bulletin editor in the new year following production of the January edition. In Phyl's hands, the bulletin has been more than a notice sheet - it is the core of our community helping members know what's on and where. Many who are unable to join us on Sundays love reading the bulletin to discover news things. We will be looking for a new editor(s) to take on this valuable ministry.

### PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Our leadership team will be expanding next year. The rector has the capacity to provide a warden and three council members. Those who have accepted his invitation include **Jen Collier** as rector's warden and **Bec Marston** and **Libby Warren** as councillors. Bec is a member of the evening congregation and an English teacher by profession. Libby will come into the role when she steps down as Administrator. Please be sure to thank these new members of our team for 2019.



As advertised last week, congratulations to Paul Shelley and Joh Sheehan who were elected as People's wardens.

Congratulations also to Ken Wedgwood, Sandra Ross, Allison Cooper-Stanbury, Anthony Troy, Tobias Nevile and Jen Collier who were elected to parish council for next year.

We farewell Rhonda Thorpe who has stepped down in order to give her attention to the Holistic Care Nursing Ministry.

The positions were filled without a congregational vote as there were sufficient candidates for the vacancies that needed to be filled.

Please keep the wardens and counsellors in your prayers as they help us all to develop our parish's capacity to join in God's mission to the world. Their willingness to be involved in this way is greatly appreciated.

## IN THE PARISH



### ADMINISTRATOR

The parish of Holy Covenant is looking for a new Administrator (12 hours per week) for a mid February start. The Administrator is a primary contact point between people and our congregations. The position would suit someone with an interest in seeing the parish grow and providing a listening ear to those who come through during the week.

The successful candidate should have strong inter-personal skills, significant problem solving ability (especially with photocopiers), well developed capacity for administration and a sense of humour.

Duties include working closely with the minister and parish guests, producing service booklets as well as managing rosters, calendars and logistics for special services like weddings, baptisms and funerals. It may also include editing the weekly bulletin and taking minutes at Parish Council.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, why not talk to Wayne or Libby?

### Rainbow Christmas Day Lunch - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Any members of our rainbow family (aka LGBTIQAA++) who are not travelling away from Canberra for Christmas celebrations are invited to Christmas Day Rainbow Lunch at the home of Jen Collier. To ensure that all your favourite Christmas lunch yummys are on the table (and to share the cooking tasks), please let Jen know you're coming - by email to [jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au)



RSVPs will be accepted in person up to 11.30am on Christmas Day, but strongly encouraged by today Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Rainbow allies are very welcome to join us - please bring your favourite rainbow darling.



## IN THE PARISH

### CUPPA AND CONVERSATION

At a loose end in January? We will be having morning tea again this year. Please come guys and gals as it provides an opportunity to catch up with friends or make new ones.

When: 10am— 12 noon from 9th January

Where: In the Worship Centre.



### Education for Ministry in 2019

Education for Ministry (EFM) has concluded its year and we are very much looking forward to seeing some familiar and new faces joining us next year.

If you are interested in joining EFM next year and have a preferred evening please let Merri know. ([merri.bacon@bigpond.com](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com))

We will hold an information evening in late January or early February, so watch this space.

### Church Morning Tea and Cleaning Rosters

Thank you to everyone to has helped with the Morning Tea and Cleaning Roster this year. As you take time to enjoy a restful break after the year, please prayerfully consider whether you could help on these rosters in 2019. Both rosters are rewarding and don't take too much time if we have a good number on the roster.

We need a few more helpers, please, for both for next year. If you can help next year please contact Merri on [merri.bacon@bigpond.com](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com) by 15 January.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Ian Sykes  
Tuesday: JESUS  
Saturday: Chris Lee  
Next Sunday: Megan Mackay

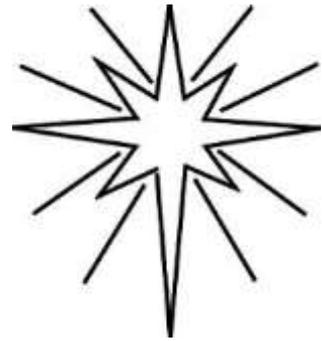


## IN THE PARISH



### REMINDER TO STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

We would like to have your  
Annual Reports for 2018 by  
**30 January 2019** so they can be  
made available to  
parishioners before the AGM on  
**Tuesday 13 February**



### RECTOR'S LEAVE

Wayne will be the Diocesan  
Commissary from 26 December -  
11 January while Bishop Trevor is on  
leave. So pray for cool weather and  
gentle rain during the break!  
Wayne will then have some leave  
from 14 January - 1 February to  
enjoy the mountains (and  
snowboarding) of British Columbia.

The Parish Office will be  
closed from 22 December  
2018 until 2 January  
2019 inclusive.

### HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

E: prayervine@holycovenant.org.au  
Or  
Rosemary Kennemore: 6251 2009;  
rkmore@grapevine.com.au

### Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT  
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How beautiful upon the mountains,  
and among the coastal cities and towns,  
and across the red outback plains,  
are the feet of those who bring good tidings,  
who publish the coming of peace,  
who bring good tidings of great joy,  
who publish salvation,  
who says to God's people:  
Your God certainly reigns!

To you is born this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. this day  
Christ is born indeed! Hallelujah!

AND . . .



The end of the year is near,  
and we are of good cheer,  
and think about the time that has past.  
We reflect on what we've done  
on the mundane and the fun,  
and on those who helped it come to pass.  
Thank you one and all,  
for answering the call,  
and for sharing the load we all bear.  
Consider yourself named,  
and your appreciation framed,  
But individual thanks , we don't dare!  
For when we name just one,  
and the list is begun,  
alas, someone will surely be forgot!  
We care too much for you  
and all that you do  
that you may think we remember you not!!!

To absolutely everyone who has helped make Holy Covenant  
a loving, caring, Christ centred community in 2018,

**THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU**

**Prayer books and hymn books.**

If you have borrowed a Prayer or Hymn Book during the year, could you please return them as we need them for our January Services—thank you.



**ANGLICAN NEWS** for December is available from the hymn book stand.

**Claim the Date:**

#ChangeTheHeart Prayer Service.  
Thursday 17th January. Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.  
A chance to pray for justice, understanding and hope for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Australia in the lead-up to 26th January.

**More details on the Noticeboard.**

## FROM ST. JOHN'S CARE

A busy but beautiful time of year.



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our volunteers and supporters without whom we could not operate. We have been rushed off our feet and while I strongly believe this is a beautiful time of year, it can also be very challenging for some people.

The Christmas Present Room supported over 500 families this year and have given out over 2000 toys to children. Many families were extremely grateful for this support. This could not have been possible without the on-going generosity of our volunteers, donors, supporters and volunteers from the Department of Jobs and Small Business.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed toys, books and gift cards. Your generosity is amazing and humbling.

We would like to also acknowledge all those who donated financially and with goods in kind for our Christmas Hampers. We have given out approximately 550 of these.

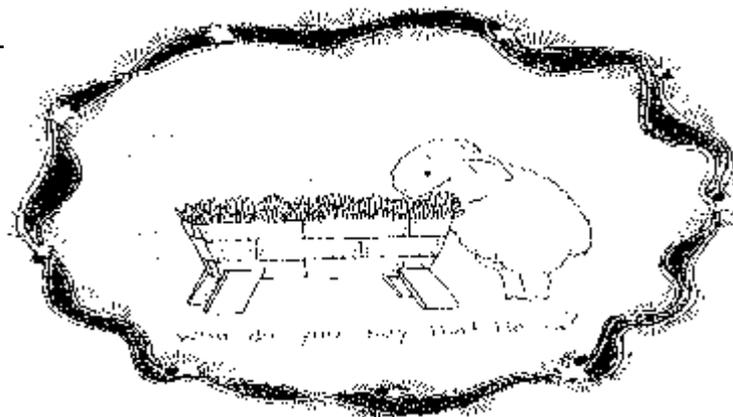
Our Emergency Relief Centre will be open until 2pm on Monday 24 December and then re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

A reminder that our lunch on Christmas Day is from 12 noon until 1.30pm in St John's Hall. All welcome.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

**Wish list: 500ml or 1 litre long-life milk, cooking or olive oil, honey and tea bags.**

Sarah Murdoch  
Executive Officer



# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for peace and justice in war-torn countries and in particular Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for those for whom Christmas is a lonely and painful time, and for the organisations that help to alleviate their pain.

## IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of Tasmania; South Wagga Wagga; Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont; Ashmont Community Resources Centre; and The Forrest Centre, Wagga Wagga.
- ◆ The bereaved and those who care for them.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We give thanks for those who have accepted the Rector's appointment as Warden or Parish Councillor.
- ◆ We pray for Holistic Care Nursing Ministry clients as the program recesses over the holidays.
- ◆ We remember the family of Margaret Walker, a former HCNM client whose funeral was on Friday.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Michael Martin; Mary Lynn and Dinty Mather; Ian and Doreen Matters; Lindsay and Anne McDowell; David and Margaret Meggs; and Rod and Ann Menzies.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Joan Williams, Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, and anyone known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Today:** Robert Noel Cooper (d. 1996)



The flowers in the church today have been donated by Robin Rawson in memory of her mother, Enid a former parishioner who died on 22 December a few years ago. We give thanks for her life and our memory of her.

*Love is born  
With a dark and troubled face  
When hope is dead  
And in the most unlikely place  
Love is born:  
Love is always born.*

*Michael Leunig:  
When I Talk to You*

## MINISTRY TEAM

<b>RECTOR</b>	<b>The Ven. Dr Wayne Brighton</b> 0407 408 333	E: rector@holycovenant.org.au Day off: Monday.
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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 30 DECEMBER 2018

### First Sunday after Christmas

**9.00 am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Preacher: Ven (em) Anne Ranse, OAM  
Celebrant : The Ven. Dr Wayne Brighton



# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1:45*

**READINGS:**

Micah: 5:2-5a  
 Song of Mary (APBA p.31)  
 Hebrews: 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-55



**8 am HYMNS - Dudman**

283  
 597  
 525  
 161



**PRAYER**

Gracious God,  
 you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:  
 as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
 make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,  
 and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.  
 We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
 whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Hilary Harris and Jennifer Collier	Sandra Ross and Graham Bonnett
<b>Readers</b>	Mandy Squair Jennifer Collier Anne Ranse	Reg Holmes Sandra Ross Anne Ranse
<b>Intercessor</b>	Anne McDowell	George Gerrity
<b>Organist</b>	Mandy Squair	Leanne Antill
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Rhonda Thorpe	Connie Gerrity
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
<b>Cup</b>	Rhonda Thorpe Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Phyl Holmes, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Mandy Squair, Pam Lane	Elaine Gifford, Catherine D'Cruz
<b>Children's Church</b>		Rehearsal for Children's Service.
<b>Counters</b>	Trish Barnes, Jennifer Collier	Quentin Grafton, Nilantha Hulugalle
<b>Sat 29 December</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Trigge Family	<b>Flowers:</b> Wendy Ward